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NEXT MEETING - Cassidy School, between 65th & 66th on Lansdowne, West Phila.

DATE - First Monday of the month, November 1, 1954 at 8 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS - Prizes donated by Almo & Resco.

PROGRAM - To be announced.

VISITORS TO THE LAST MEETING - W3YFV, W3WVT, W3UYI, W3TGO, W3YDB, W3EMH, W3ZIA,
W3SAA, W3GEX, W2SUC, W3Pjf, W3VAD, W3UEC, W6BSX, W3YNH, W3YHU, W3HKW, W3ZFM, W3WUX

NEW MOBILES HEARD - W3UZF, W2BV, W3HFZ, W3ERP

NEW MEMBERS: - W3UEC, Hal Pickering, W3SAI, W3VAS, W3QKW, W3VXN, W3UAX, W3AJO.

THE LATEST SCOOP - No one found the rig at the last hunt. It was hidden in back of Kenyon's diner in North Hills. --- Banquet tickets are on sale and going fast. Send a check to W3QQH or W3DSG. The tickets will be sold as long as they last. About a third are gone so don't delay. No tickets will be held. 100 odd prizes and favors are to be given away - if you don't get one it will be for reason of you not being there. --- The storm really wrapped up W3CUB. All antennas took a beating. His 20m elements are catty wampus. The 10m is down. 2m & 6m elements blew off. One of the lawn chairs went thru a window - outside of that - all was peaceful and quiet. W3UKF's antenna is pointed at China - it wasn't planned that way. --- The boys went ballooning again this last weekend. W3HYU, W3IW, W3KCG & family, W3QZP, W3CNO all went to see them off. A heavy wind swept the basket along the ground until the boys inside pushed the "up" button. It promptly took off like an elevator. --- W3JGB is batching it - Dorothy is visiting in Missouri. --- W2AJO reported in again from Northern N.J. - he has an 8 element vertical beam on top of a 1000 ft. Jersey type mountain - you can tell it too. Note the nice rig diagram this month. Very simple - even W3SGR could build it. --- W3UMK is still looking for his antenna - results of the big wind. He had the MN with 24 present. Some one please tell us how he ever found the Mobile club. To find his place you head for Harrisburg turn north to the 'pole' cross a bridge with two big slabs of concrete underneath - take the first gravel road - go till you hit a tree - if some lovers are parked there don't disturb them - keep going till you see a big barn - proceed to the brown cow end ask her if there is anything to drink around and she will point out UNK's house. Tis lucky we are mobile or someone would be still trying to find their way back. --- W3PIT is back on the

"air" also W3IERS on Oct. 1. Frenchie was "off" several months as is W3PXY. No side remarks please. W3IERS is making up a new roster of members - make sure you get your latest in there. Frenchie called off the rig building temporarily because of the clubs peak load of activities. --- A tie, in voting, for the most outstanding memoer has been announced - a neat Plaque will be given to the chaps at the Banquet who helped the most to promote the club this year. --- Here is a new one - W3YFV tunes his VFO with his mike cable. When he pulls it up to talk - the rig is on freq. --- Spence announces all is well at the Lansdale Mardi Gras. Sarty is due from the North Pole with PWRC doing the complete communications job less politiking and the former rat race. At least 5 cars are needed, one with 75 fone. A good bridge game can sure settle many controversies. --- W3VVS now has a 2nd fone license. He met some very good friends at the FCC - to be announced later. Paul is busy building a porch - the boys say he is good at laying it on thick, as well as doing a nice job. --- W3DSG and W3IGW were out surf fishing recently and called in from Wildwood. --- W3JGB is on 6m mobile. --- We apologize for calling our new member Mr. Copestakes by the wrong handle - his name is Bill. --- W3EK is looking for a transistor for 29.493. W3DOU is off the air converting his 6v riggin to 12v. No trouble to do so say the boys. W3QCV is doing the same. --- Fellers are reminded not to place ads for equipment on the Blurb News sheet that goes around. Doc W3EXY has a special sheet for this. Your Ad usually will not get in if it is placed with blurb news. Tis pretty obvious the Swap Sheet is taking hold - there is a lot of gear sold each month - thanks to Doc's coordination. --- W3DOU has what may be the club record - he was heard in Phila. from Chambersburg. The boys say there is plenty of Net activity Monday thru Friday.

SEN (Scrambled Egg Net) from 7:00am to 8:00am

JEN (Junior Executive Net) 8:00am to 8:30am

VPN (Vice-Pres Net) 8:30am to ?

Some one is poking fun - so take the above in the light it was given - the only official nets, for those who do not know, are listed at the top of the blurb. --- W3DSG is finishing up his wakkie talkie soon.

W3UMK abstracted a bit of info for general dissemination to impress on you the importance of our balloon operations to the Federal Government.

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"In connection with our balloon chasing activities, I am abstracting below a few pertinent sentences from a recent instruction issued by one of the military departments:

Subject : Release of Free Balloons

This regulation prescribes the procedures and restrictions to be followed in operations involving the release of free balloons where loads of more than ten pounds will be launched within the United States.

Balloon launching site personnel will notify a CAA Inter-state airway communications station of a proposed launching, 2 hours in advance, and as soon as practicable after the launching of the time it was accomplished. At any appropriate time after 1200 of the day preceding the launching, but not less than one hour in advance of launching, launching site personnel will attempt to notify those airports within a radius of twenty-five miles of the launching site which do not have CAA teletypewriter communications facilities.

Normally, balloons will be launched only during the following weather conditions:

- (1) Not more than scattered clouds (6/10ths cloud coverage below 20,000 feet)
- (2) Pilot visibilities of 5 miles or more.

During the period from sunset to sunrise, the balloon and/or its attachments should display a flashing red light which will be visible on a clear dark night, with the unaided eye a distance of ten miles. The light will be so placed as to be visible to any aircraft which could be on a collision course with the balloon.

Descent notifications -- content:

The ground contact-point will be described with reference to a town or other geographical feature which can be located on a sectional aeronautical chart. The quality of the positions predicted will be stated in terms of circles with radii (number) miles. Further, the CAA will be notified as expeditiously as possible in instances where changes in the information concerning termination become necessary." (The last paragraph was based on a predicted destination, rather than an actual one.)

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If its any consolation to you fellers - PMRC treasury is 3 times that of the Washington Mobile Radio Club. This brings a point to mind which apparently needs advertising to avoid hard feelings It may seem odd to you that a few club "Characters" are in the habit of taking up the opposite side of any argument involving cash when the masses are of one mind. Please do not take offense - this is done for a very good reason. If you have lived with an organization of any size and sat back and analyzed the psychological factors that go with swaying a mass of people you will appreciate this point of view. An eloquent speaker can get up and sell you your own shirt on your back - its been done, figuratively speaking, before. ED had the experience of seeing a Mid-western club acquire a clubhouse which was a big white elephant. We can get along without elephants, we have a herd of them now - bear with us. --- The Maryland Mobile Radio Club has rig hunts much the same as ours and gives away the 1 Buck registration fee - 50% first prize, 30% second, 20% third. --- The Washington Club gives us food for thought in their "Autocall". Seems like some of the members had trouble going to a real emergency. They were stopped and sent home for lack of authorization. What has PMRC done to alleviate this circumstance? --- Forgive our order of reporting - Several of the boys participated in the Oct. 17th balloon chase - K2BWG, W3QZP, W3UNK, W3QKwand W3HYU. This flight will appear in the "True?" magazine. The editor of the mag came down from New York City with the photog and both made the flight. Hal rode with K2BWG, W3QZP and W3HYU. --- W3ADF our legal council is leading the activity in eastern Pa. to reactivate the license plate bill in the state legislature. Bill's efforts in the form of a very positive letter to all candidates should really do a job this time. The Pittsburgh Radio Club is organizing the western part of the state. Your blurb staff received some further good news in this direction which can not go into print at this time. We will have to wait for direction from our council. --- The club turned over about \$275 at the auction - a considerable step forward from previous events. That was a job well done by W3WNC and his assistants. A point of Blurb policy - As you probably note we write up jobs done by chairmen but do not mention any assistants for a couple of good reasons; 1. It tends to encourage fellows to head up club projects. 2. We are afraid of omitting someone. --- W3CDY was last to leave last mid-month (he and Dick were talking over towers etc.) and did not negotiate a curve or something upon driving away. CDY wound up in field in UNK's vegetable garden. It took UNK's jeep and some time to "extricate" CDY's charriot from UNK's vegetables, and it was after midnight when LLoyd got on his way. --- W3GIF has been temporarily transferred to Pittsburgh by Uncle Sammy and will be on the air from there on 10 and 75 meters. He would like to qso the gang. --- The running slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the next meeting - it is your duty to vote. You have a more important obligation - that of voting for your State and Federal Government Nov. 2. Don't fail either one. The nominating committee idea was set up to prepare the voting agenda for you. There is a considerable number running for office, quite a change from the former "I don't choose to run because." A set of nominating committee rules are probably in order to guide the committee each year and to define their duties and obligations - a good topic for midmonth. In accordance with the newsconstitutional regulations the membership of the club is now limited to 100 members. This places a heavy responsibility on the shoulders of the membership committee who will be appointed by the new president. If you

are appointed to this committee see to it the office carries with it the gravity it requires. Nuff of that. --- Spencer says weather permitting the trailer will be on display at the Banquet at Casa Conti. NOW is the time to break the piggy bank and sign up for tickets. If the ole man won't take you gals, come anihoo - we will guarantee a good time - Jay, W3IM, will be our after dinner blarney spreader again this year. --- Jay and his committee have been hard at it these past few weeks getting the exhibit in readiness for the Almo Radio Show, to be held at the Hotel Sherwood, Sunday October 31st. Jay and the boys have certainly done a wonderful job and the only way you fellers can show your appreciation is to get out on Sunday and get down there and see it in person. Don't worry about how to find it. We will have a transmitter on the air on channel #1 from a private room in the hotel. The gang has gone all out this year and has come up with something you just can't afford to miss. We want to see you all down there Sunday. Public appeal counts a lot in the judging too, so bring the whole family, hi. --- W2JAO plans to fly down from northern New Jersey. -Aeronautical Mobile no less. He's the one with the 8 element vertical that we hear down here like a local.

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